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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sean E. Vincent	1731	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 June 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3.) Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear what is meant by the “longitudinal direction thereof”. It may be the direction parallel to the roller axes or it may be the direction parallel to the glass sheet travel direction.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 5-7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Takeda et al (US 6397634).

5. Takeda et al taught methods and systems for positioning and bending glass plates wherein glass plates were conveyed on rollers and the rollers in contact with the glass plates were moved vertically as well as arranged to be swingable on a conveying surface of the glass plates. A motion controller performed “multiaxial control” on each of the rollers to bend the

glass plates during transfer on the transferring rollers. Plural rollers were independently vertically moved one after the other in conjunction with the conveyance of each glass plate. Freely oscillating sandwich rollers 64 were inclined to further shape the glass plates. Also, rollers 20A, 20B... were capable of inclining in a vertical direction (see abstract, figures, col. 2, line 33 to col. 3, line 60; col. 5, lines 1-7; col. 6, lines 20-51; col. 8, line 18 to col. 9, line 4; col. 13, line 63 to col. 16, line 16 and col. 20, line 13 to col. 23, line 63).

6. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Letemps et al (US 5226942).

7. Letemps et al taught methods and systems for positioning and bending glass plates wherein glass plates were conveyed on rollers and the rollers in contact with the glass plates were moved in longitudinal and oblique directions. A whole roller portion 17 was moved such that roller movements had components in both the longitudinal and oblique directions. A camera 9 as well as detectors 21 and 22 were disclosed for the recognition of the posture of the glass sheets and a computer was used to determine the displacement amount to use for moving the movable roller portion 17. (see abstract, figures, col. 6, lines 38-61; col. 7, line 5 to col. 8, line 51).

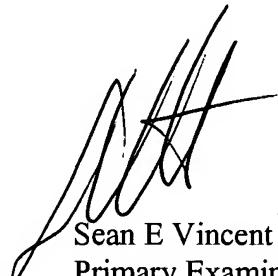
Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean E. Vincent whose telephone number is (571) 272-1194. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:30 - 6:00).

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9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven P. Griffin can be reached on (571) 272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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